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PRESS RELEASE

CITY OF CARNATION APPROVES SALE OF SCHEFER PROPERTY TO THE REMLINGER GROUP

CARNATION, Washington – The Carnation City Council has approved the sale of a 7.52-acre parcel called the Schefer Property. The Council voted to authorize the City Manager to execute the Sale Agreement and the Development Agreement between the City and the Remlinger Group at an August 30th Special Meeting. The vote was 4 in favor and 1 opposed, with Councilmember Dustin Green voting no.

The Development Agreement sets the tone for future developments in Carnation. The City will receive \$2.4 million for the sale. The Remlinger Group will build Larson Avenue from Entwistle to NE 40th at its own cost, and will also install public art and wayfinding. Additionally, the City and the Remlinger Group will form a Coordinating Group to manage communications moving forward.

“The sale of this property for the purposes outlined in the documents helps the sustainability and viability of our City” said Mayor Jim Ribail.

“We need to diversify our tax base to avoid placing a heavy burden on the resident taxpayers” said Deputy Mayor Tim Harris.

Councilmember Ryan Burrell indicated that “this is an important step toward activation of this property.”

Councilmember Adair Hawkins pointed out the importance of mobility: “I advocate for any improvement to mobility in Carnation...the construction of Larson Avenue will help many residents with physical limitations.”

The City and the Remlinger Group have worked together for nearly a year to develop these agreements. The Sale Agreement includes a feasibility period to determine the viability of constructing 80,000 square feet of light industrial commercial space.

City Manager Ana Cortez thanked the Remlinger Group for its partnership, patience, and good faith negotiations. “The partnership with the Remlinger Group has been incredible. Lots of long days and many emails and phone calls. Staff is thankful that the Remlinger Family wanted to partner with the City and build this legacy project,” said City Manager Cortez.

For more information, feel free to contact City Manager Ana Cortez at ana.cortez@carnationwa.gov or via cell at (425) 419-3697.

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Carnation is a rural western Washington community of 2,220 residents that is approximately 1.1 square miles in size. Framed by the Cascade foothills and located where the Tolt and Snoqualmie Rivers meet, the City is within easy reach of Seattle. Carnation offers an abundance of natural beauty and outdoor experiences, including biking, hiking, camping, and fishing. In our downtown, you can visit our unique shops and restaurants.